

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN AND PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Former Corona Manufactured Gas Plant Site 633 Railroad Street, Corona, CA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: MAY 15, 2006 TO JUNE 14, 2006

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WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?	The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), invites public comments on the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the remediation of soils at the former Corona Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site located at 633 Railroad Street, Corona, California. This workplan addresses the removal and disposal of contaminated soil. Additionally, DTSC studied the possible effect of the cleanup itself on the environment as required by State law known as the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA. DTSC is proposing to issue a Negative Declaration because it is determined that the cleanup would not have any significant negative effect on the environment.
	The Site was used to manufacture gas from oil in 1904 to 1921. A Site investigation indicated the presence of arsenic and lampblack, (a black, fine, powdery compound), which is the primary by-product generated by the gas manufacturing process. Certain components of lampblack are considered hazardous through prolonged and continuous skin contact or ingestion. The contamination is found in the shallow sub-surface soils in a portion of the Site and an offsite area between the Site and the Railroad tracks, north of the Site.
	The objective of soil removal activities is to remediate the Site to conditions that will be health-protective of the community, on-site commercial workers, and maintenance workers digging in the soil. The removal action activities are expected to occur in Summer 2006 and will be performed in a manner that protects public health. When soil removal is completed, confirmation soil sampling will be conducted to verify that the Site meets cleanup goals. Results of the soil removal activities will be incorporated into a final Closure Report.
WHY THIS NOTICE?	The purpose of this notice is to provide the public the opportunity to learn about the project and provide comments to DTSC within 30 days concerning the proposed removal action.
HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?	Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft RAW and Draft Negative Declaration may be submitted in writing to Ms. Onamia Chun, Project Manager at DTSC's address listed below. Written comments must be emailed or postmarked no later than June 14, 2006. Additionally, DTSC will hold an Open House on June 8 at River Road Park, 1100 West River Road, Corona, CA from 6:00pm-8:00pm. This will give you the opportunity to learn about the project and give us comments on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) and draft Negative Declaration. We invite you to submit comments during this time.
WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?	A copy of the Draft RAW and related project documents are available at the Corona Public Library Reference Section, located at 650 South Main Street, Corona, California ((909) 736-2382) and at the DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cyprus, CA 91201. Please call DTSC for an appointment at (714) 484-5354.

CONTACT:	If you have any questions related to the project, please contact Derrick Alatorre, Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5474 dalatorr@dtsc.ca.gov or Onamia Chun, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5451 ochun@dtsc.ca.gov.
HEARING IMPARED:	TDD users can obtain additional information by using the California Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) to reach Onamia Chun, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5451 ochun@dtsc.ca.gov.